



City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, July 2, 2013 at City Hall

Sale of Sheehan Bridge Road Property (vote July 9)

The Mayor and Commissioners introduced two ordinances for the sale of the two tracts of the Sheehan Bridge Road property. In April, the City contracted with Chris Colson Auction and Realty Company, LLC for the sale of the city-owned property located at 1105 Sheehan Bridge Road. The auction was held June 4 with the property sold in two parcels. The first ordinance is for the Deed of Conveyance from the City of Paducah to Todd and Deborah Teas. The couple bought the home and 2.067 acres for \$185,120.10. The second ordinance is for the Deed of Conveyance from the City of Paducah to Stephen and Karen Jackson who purchased 162.445 acres for \$679,041. City Manager Jeff Pederson says, "In addition to the sale price, the City has received \$26,000 to \$27,000 in rental income {through a farming contract}. We were a little closer to the initial purchase price than otherwise indicated in the sale." Pederson says the proceeds from the sale will be used toward the Riverfront Redevelopment Project. The City Commission approved purchasing the nearly 165-acre property in December 2009 for \$900,000 with the plan to construct a sports complex with the support of private fundraising. The site is no longer being considered as a sports park leading to the property being declared as surplus.

U.S. 60 Zone Change for 5178, 5184, and 5186 Hinkleville

The Mayor and Commissioners approved an ordinance changing the zoning for 5178, 5184, and 5186 Hinkleville Road from R-1 (low density residential zone) and MU (mixed use zone) to HBD (highway business district). These addresses are the locations for Concord United Methodist Church, Concord Elementary School, and Olivet Baptist Church. The City is initiating the zoning change with the support of the property owners. Changing the zoning to HBD allows for building or parking expansions to occur without the need for a Conditional Use Permit. The Conditional Use process can be lengthy but is a requirement in an R-1 zone for churches and schools. The Planning Commission held a public hearing regarding the proposed zone change on June 17, 2013 and made a positive recommendation to the City Commission. The City's Comprehensive Plan agrees with the proposed zone change as it shows the area in a future land use map zoned as commercial.

Payment for Emergency Remediation Due to Partial Roof Collapse at Kresge Building

The Mayor and Commissioners approved an ordinance to pay Jones Excavation \$21,000 for the emergency remediation work to stabilize 318-324 Broadway otherwise known as the Kresge Building. The Paducah Fire Prevention Division hired Jones Excavation to remove the debris, ceilings, etc. from the northeast corner of the building and shore up the windows. Work began June 3 and has been completed. Fire Prevention initiated the work due to public safety concerns since the northeast corner is the location of a partial roof collapse. The remediation removed much of the debris and eliminated the danger of additional debris falling toward Broadway which could spill out onto the sidewalk or street. The front wall of the building was reinforced with cables as instructed by a structural engineer. The City continues to work with the property owner on the building's future.

City Manager's Report

Action Plans from Next Steps Workshop: On June 12, the Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager, and Directors participated in a workshop to review Paducah's results from the National Citizen Survey. At the end of the workshop the group began making Action Plans for the three priority



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areas determined at the workshop: the city's role in economic development, neighborhood revitalization, and community engagement. The further development of Action Plans is continuing with director teams creating committees for each of the three priority areas. Each committee also will have one or two Commissioners participating.

Roof Stabilization: City staff members are refining a plan for a roof stabilization program. The plan is expected to be before the Commission later this month.

Renaissance Area Master Plan Implementation: One of the findings of the Renaissance Area Master Plan was to improve signage and wayfinding in downtown and LowerTown. The initial step will be a traffic study to look at Broadway and Jefferson Streets to study one-way and two-way traffic patterns. City Manager Pederson says, "Whether or not to consider direction changes on streets, we think that's a logical start." The City's budget has \$150,000 set aside for wayfinding.

Quick Highlights

- Meg Hancock, a sophomore at Paducah Tilghman High School, read the Preamble to celebrate the Independence Day holiday.
- Ordinance approved amending Chapter 18 of the Paducah Code of Ordinances regarding buildings and building regulations. The State has asked all cities to amend their local ordinances to align with the Kentucky Building Code and the Kentucky Residential Code.
- Ordinance introduced (vote July 9) to accept the Law Enforcement Service Fee Grant in the amount of \$8985 from the Kentucky Justice Cabinet to be used to operate the Police Department's DUI Enforcement Program. The grant will cover 151 overtime hours and 1500 miles at \$0.45 per mile. Assistant Police Chief Stacey Grimes says each year the Paducah Police Department averages 350-400 DUI arrests.
- Ordinance introduced (vote July 9) to accept the \$21,500 grant award from the Kentucky Division of Waste Management Kentucky Pride Recycling Grant program. The funds will be used to purchase equipment for the Greater Paducah Sustainability Recycle-Now center located on North 8th Street. The grant requires a match of \$3584 each from the City of Paducah and McCracken County.
- Mayor Gayle Kaler asked that everyone take a moment to remember the families of the fire fighters who died in Arizona.

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